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## **Corps of Engineers to respond to Hurricane Dennis**

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Charleston, S.C. -- The Charleston District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has provided emergency support to areas affected by Hurricane Dennis.

“Our mission is to provide emergency assistance to our region, if called upon by the Federal Emergency Management Agency,” said Charleston District Commander LTC Edward R. Fleming.

The Charleston District activated its Emergency Operations Center for extended hours during the hurricane event.

Officials at the Charleston District have already deployed an emergency ice team to Jacksonville to support Logistic Support Areas in Tallahassee and Homestead, Florida. The district holds the Corps’ South Atlantic Region contract to procure critical supplies of ice for those in need in support of FEMA’s request.

A Charleston District Rapid Needs Assessment team member was deployed to Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and is assisting FEMA with disaster assessments.

When a major disaster occurs anywhere in the United States and its territories, the Corps of Engineers becomes one of the agencies called upon to help clean up and restore devastated areas.

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## HURRICANE

Under the National Response Plan, the Corps is the primary agency for the Emergency Support Function (ESF#3) Public Works and Engineering. The Corps' main roles under the plan include emergency clearance of debris, emergency power restoration, temporary supply of potable water and ice, temporary roofing, temporary housing, structural evaluation of buildings, damage assessment, and technical assistance.

The Corps of Engineers has teams on standby throughout the region and the Nation to respond to federally-declared national emergencies.

During Hurricane Floyd in 1999, the Charleston District set up an Emergency Response and Recovery Organization (ERRO) in South Carolina, consisting of more than 80 Corps of Engineers employees, to provide debris removal, and flood fighting and technical assistance to the State of South Carolina.